

**PATENT**

**Docket No. 29273/317**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANTS : Kazumichi IMAI et al.  
SERIAL NO. : (Cont. of 09/852,269)  
FILED : (Herewith)  
FOR : ELECTROPHORESIS ANALYSIS APPARATUS  
AND SAMPLE VESSEL USED THEREFOR  
GROUP ART : 1744 (Anticipated)  
EXAMINER : A. Aldag (Anticipated)

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

SIR:

Prior to examination of the above-identified continuation application, the Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments.

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract:

-- A multi-capillary type electrophoresis analysis apparatus has a sample tray for containing a plurality of samples, wherein part of the sample tray is made from a conductive material. Samples are introduced by applying a high voltage from a high voltage power supply between the sample tray and a coupler in a state in which one-ends of the capillaries are inserted in the samples contained in the sample tray. The apparatus eliminates the necessity of individually inserting electrodes in a plurality of samples contained in the sample tray, thereby ~~making easy works for~~ simplifying analysis. --